under which additional assistance is made available to 63 selected cities including mega/metro cities, State capitals and other important cities for the development of integrated urban infrastructure including water supply and sanitation. A similar programme called Urban Infrastructure Development Schemes for Small and Medium Towns (UIDSSMT) has also been launched by Government of India for the improvement of drinking water supply in 5098 small and medium towns and cities (as per census 2001) not covered under JNNURM.

Non-availability of LPT Ransar Valley in Shimla

*236. SHRI RAJNITI PRASAD: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that people of Ransar Valley in Shimla district of Himachal Pradesh are not getting the facility of Doordarshan programme due to non-availability of Low Power Transmitter (LPT);

(b) whether it is also a fact that Government are ignoring the demands of people of Ransar Valley for installation of LPT;

(c) whether there is any proposal of Government to install LPT so that people can avail the accessibility to Doordarshan programmes; and

(d) if so, by when it will be installed?

THE MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI PRIYARANJAN DASMUNSI): (a) Yes, Sir, Ransar Valley does not get TV coverage from the nearby TV transmitter at Chirgaon due to hilly terrain in the area.

(b) to (d) With the launch of free-to-air DTH service of Doordarshan ''DD Direct Plus'', all uncovered areas along with rest of the country (except A&N Islands) have been provided with multi channel TV coverage. DTH signals can be received anywhere in the country, including Shimla district, with the help of small sized dish receive system. New transmitters are now not contemplated.

Letter sent by D/o Rural Development, Madhya Pradesh

†*237. SHRI LAXMINARAYAN SHARMA: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a letter has been sent on 12th January, 2007 by Department of Rural Development, Madhya Pradesh to Secretary, Department of Rural Development, Government of India regarding solution to the objections raised *vide* reference No. P-17024/14/2006 R.C. dated 9th January, 2007; and

(b) if so, the action taken thereto so far?

THE MINISTER OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI RAGHUVANSH PRASAD SINGH): (a) Yes, Sir.

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†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.